

RENEW, REVITALIZE, REORGANIZE WARD FOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Renew: Innovative Programs

In order to provide equitable access to diverse and high quality programs, DCPS is developing, expanding, and strengthening special programs at schools across the city, including the following proposed programs for Ward Four schools. This overview does not reflect existing special programs already being offered in Ward Four schools and which we plan to strengthen and support.

WHITTIER PK-8 & COOLIDGE HIGH SCHOOL	WEST PK-8 (Likely receiving school For Clark)
<p>Both WHITTIER and COOLIDGE will be sites for High Technology programs. In High Tech schools, technology will be a means - not an end - toward meeting other instructional goals. In a High Tech school, technology is fully integrated into the academic curriculum, enabling students to develop a level of comfort and expertise with technology regardless of the particular area of study or focus. The High Tech schools will work closely with DC's Office of the Chief Technology Officer, thereby leveraging the expertise of DC's best-in-class technology professionals.</p>	<p>WEST will become a Differentiated Learning Lab School and Professional Development Center, drawing students from the neighborhood and across the city. The program would model instructional excellence and serve as a professional development center to improve teacher practice throughout the District and DCPS. Instruction will accommodate students with a varied range of learning styles and ensure each student receives targeted support and is challenged to his or her potential.</p>

Revitalize: The Staff and Resources Every School Needs

Our vision is for all of our schools to provide the comprehensive programming our students need and deserve, including art, music, and PE; a team of practitioners to help students and families with socio-emotional needs; administrative support to allow principals time to focus on instruction; and additional academic support to students.

For 2008, we will prioritize the schools receiving students as a result of closures and consolidations for this comprehensive staffing model. This includes **BARNARD, BRIGHTWOOD, AND POWELL-MACFARLAND** (likely receiving schools for Clark and Rudolph), as well as **RAYMOND** and **TRUESDELL**.